## Year 2 Newsletter Summer Term 5 and 6 2021



We are really impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment to learning that the children have shown us on their return to school. They have displayed great kindness and understanding towards each other's needs and feelings, and we have filled our 'Kindness Jar' already! We are very proud to be their teachers and are looking forward to a super Summer Term.

Mrs Lewis, Mrs Wallis and Mrs Kukaj

## **English**

**Term 5** Our focus texts will be 'The Koala that could', 'National Geographic's 'Koalas', 'Perfectly Perculiar Pets' and 'Wombat goes Walkabout'. We will be writing letters, fact files, stories, poems and diary entries. **Term 6** Our focus texts will be 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and 'Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure'. We will write narrative stories, instructions, recounts, fact files and diary entries.

## **Maths**

We will continue to teach the curriculum for Year 2 maths, which will include revising any areas your child may need some extra practise with after the time they had away from school during lockdown. Our main focus during Terms 5 and 6 are:

- choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height, temperature and capacity
- solve simple problems involving addition and subtraction of money
- solve problems involving multiplication and division
- Count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in 10s from any number, forward and backward
- Use addition and subtraction to check calculations and solve missing number problems
- Identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces
- Respond to and give instructions using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement.

## Foundation Subjects

In Science we will be investigating 'living things and their habitats' and 'plants'; so lots of time will be spent outdoors exploring and investigating. In Geography we will be learning about Australia and making comparisons to where we live. In History we will find out about 'Nurturing Nurses', including Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In Art and Design we will explore mono printing and collage printing, as well as sculpture. We will learn about the work of Giacometti and local Artist 'Jenny Preston' – you may have seen her work in 'The Village' in Deal. In Design Technology, we will construct lighthouses. In RE we will focus on 'How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?' In Computing we will learn how to 'use logical reasoning to make predictions' and 'use technology purposefully.' In Music we will compose and perform our own music on tuned and untuned instruments, being inspired by the calls and actions of 'birds'. In PSHE the themes we will be exploring are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. In PE the children will take part in Tennis, Athletics and Cricket. These lessons will take place outside, so please make sure your child has their trainers in school.

As part of their SPAG learning (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) the children will be looking at Common Exception Words and spelling patterns. We will continue to revise and learn new patterns in class and small group work. Please see the Class Page on our school website for information. It would greatly benefit your child's learning if you could practise these skills at home.

Useful websites: https://spellingframe.co.uk/ www.spellingplay.co.uk

PE will be on a Monday with Mrs Lewis and a Thursday with Mr Castle. Please make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days. Earrings must be taken out on these days.